

**NEBRASKA DDD/MLTC WAIVER WORKGROUP: WAITLIST AND PRIORITIZATION**  
**APRIL 1 2016**

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**Next Meeting:** 04/15/2016, NSOB LLF

**Welcome**

**Introductions**

**Additions to the Agenda? Questions since we met last?**

**Information Requested:**

**How many kids/families is Munroe Meyer working with? Sarah Swanson**

**Hidden population numbers- Research by UNO- Bernie to follow up with the DD council.**

**Define Populations - Reserved Capacity:**

- Pilot group,
- Priority status
- Court custody
- Transition from ICF/Other Institution
- Graduates
- Military & Professionals where there is a service gap in what they provide,
- Transition from children's waiver

**Next Steps?**

Topic	Person Responsible	Discussion	Action Item
Additions to the agenda	Work Group Members	None	None at this time
Information Requested:	1. Sarah 2. Bernie	1. How many kids/families is Munroe Meyer working with? Sarah Swanson 2. Hidden population numbers- Research by UNO- Bernie to follow up with the DD council.	None at this time

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		Information is not retained by the DD Council. Was directed to Karen Wolf at UNO.	
<b>Define Populations-Reserved Capacity:</b>	Work Group Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilot group,</li> <li>• Priority status</li> <li>• Court custody</li> <li>• Transition from ICF/Other Institution</li> <li>• Graduates</li> <li>• Military &amp; Professionals where there is a service gap in what they provide,</li> <li>• Transition from children's waiver</li> </ul>	None at this time
Pilot	Work Group Members	<p>The youth are currently served through state aid. The need is to have them move onto a waiver to maximize funding. As these children age out into adult services they would move off reserved capacity CDD slots which could open up slots for other children who fit this reserved capacity definition to come in at some point in the future.</p> <p>The 31 youth funded by the legislative initiative replaced CFS funding for residential supports. The legislative initiatives/money does not come into the waiver definition but it will impact the number of slots we reserve.</p> <p>The following definition came from MD: Youth that have been determined eligible who are under the age of 19 who are under state conservatorship leaving common residential services.</p>	<p><b>Proposed Language:</b>  <b>Purpose</b> (provide a title or short description to use for lookup): <b>Transition of youth receiving CFS-DD Permanency Pilot services.</b> This target group reserves capacity for children under the age of 19 with intellectual disabilities served through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Children and Family Services leaving a general residential placement.</p> <p><b>Describe how the amount of reserved capacity was determined:</b> This target group reserves capacity for youth under the age of 19 with intellectual disabilities served by the Department of Children and Families Services, who are wards of the state leaving a general residential option. The number is determined by the number of</p>

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		<p>Work Group Agreement indicated that this language fits this group somewhat. For Redesign the work group would like to see waiver language that allows for assistance to those youth that are not wards, just have CFS involvement.</p> <p>Concern: The conservatorship language would not be in the Nebraska's definition; Nebraska's focus should be for permanency and keep kids in the home whenever possible.</p> <p>Redesign planning may mean that there could be a multi-level priority system through a future waiver amendment.</p> <p>Selection of entrants: this will be based in Policy Parking lot for 2017: What state wards would we like to see get on to waiver, what would be the criteria?</p>	youth identified to participate in the initial Permanency Pilot Program.
Priority 1 Status	Work Group Members	<p>State needs to reserve capacity for eligible individuals that meet the State Statute for priority funding.</p> <p>Selection of entrants: this will be based on Statute and Policy.</p> <p>Redesign planning has captured that there could be a multi-level priority system through a future waiver amendment</p>	<p><b>Proposed Language:</b></p> <p><b>Purpose</b> (provide a title or short description to use for lookup): <b>Individuals that meet Priority Criteria as defined in 83-1202 (8) (9).</b> The state reserves capacity for individuals who require waiver supports as determined through an assessment process, specifically individuals who are a Priority 1 for Services as defined in 83-1202 (8)(9).  “(8) The first priority of the state in responding to the needs of persons with developmental disabilities should be to</p>

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			<p>ensure that all such persons have sufficient food, housing, clothing, medical care, protection from abuse or neglect, and protection from harm; and  (9) The second priority of the state in responding to the needs of persons with developmental disabilities should be to ensure that all such persons receive appropriate assessment of their needs, planning to meet their needs, information about services available to meet their needs, referral to services matched to their needs, coordination of services delivered, support sufficient to allow them to live with their natural families or independently, transportation to facilitate access to services, and meaningful habilitation, education, training, employment, and recreation designed to enhance their skills, increase their independence, and improve their quality of life.”</p> <p><b>Describe how the amount of reserved capacity was determined:</b>  Based on 2014 and 2015 data for number of individuals requesting immediate services by completing SNA tool and have previously been determined to be eligible for DD services.</p>

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Court Custody	Work Group Members	This does not fit into the person centered concepts, based upon the fact that it does restrict the individual's liberties.	<p><b>Proposed Language:</b>  Court Custody- Individuals receiving DD services as ordered under the DD Court Ordered Custody Act. (the work group was unable to complete this section regarding reserved capacity as it was the work group agreement that the nature of the court custody act makes the services not voluntary in nature and therefore not services that would be covered under the HCBS rules/expectation.</p> <p>Go to CMS to get some technical assistance on the implications of forced participation.</p>
Transition from Institution (ICF/Nursing Home/Corrections)	Work Group Members	<p>The original discussion focused on Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) or Nursing Home (NH). The group discussed and decided to identify the transition as being from an "Institution." To be added in redesign language.</p> <p>Group Discussion regarding making the choice not to access HCBS and remain in an institution. From example, "Person does not oppose leaving the institution" reminder that our services are a choice  Suggestion: What are the reasons that they prefer the institutions? We need to listen to these reasons, as it could assist in developing the capacity in the community to meet those preferences.  Regional Centers: Upon completion of their treatment? DD currently refers to clinical</p>	<p><b>Proposed Group Language:</b></p> <p><b>Purpose</b> (provide a title or short description to use for lookup): Transition of institutionalized persons. Eligible individuals requesting to leave a large private or public Intermediate Care facility for the Intellectually/Developmentally Disabled.</p> <p><b>Describe how the amount of reserved capacity was determined:</b>  Based on ICD-10 or PASSR known number of individuals living in ICF-IDD or NF for more than 90 days who have previously been determined to be eligible for DD services and are on the Registry of Unmet Needs.</p>

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		assessment of what would be successful for the individual. Would be good to follow the terms/requirements in Money follows the Person, 100% after 90 days	
Graduates	Work Group Members	21 and have graduated from a NE high school Reference to MA example from 2/19/16 PowerPoint, Transition of Youth language. Parking Lot - What about families who have decided to let their child graduate and not go to transition program because of a lack of information on options? There is a pamphlet that is going out soon to assist in education of the process. Not the end goal, but a help for now There is communication going on with VR to get them to assist with individuals who need additional services Parking lot: additional slots for Non-NE Grads? This is another part of the redesign that is with legal right now	<b>Proposed Language:</b>  <b>Transition Youth from Special Education services.</b> The Transitioning Youth (TY) program supports individuals graduating from the Nebraska public school system who have been determined eligible for DD service and who meet criteria for the HCBS waiver. The purpose is to transition youth from the education system into the adult developmental disabilities system to prevent loss of skills and abilities and to support employment and community integration before skills become dormant.  <b>Describe how the amount of reserved capacity was determined:</b> Reserved capacity for youth transitioning from SPED is based on known number of unfunded 21 year olds which have previously been determined to be eligible for DD services and are on the Registry of Unmet Needs.
Individuals whose Non-Paid caregiver is over age 70	Work Group Members	Per Kristen Larsen this is a priority though a possible Medicaid state plan as well. Karen Wolf UNO, some numbers based on census data regarding aged caregivers. This data would not	None at this time-To be addressed in Redesign

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		<p>know if the adult child in parent's care meets institutional level of care.</p> <p>This is redesign for DD, we do recognize the importance of getting these individuals into waiver to prevent crisis</p>	
Registry	Work Group Members	<p>Discussion about the direction we are taking with the Registry</p> <p>Registry all eligible individuals, Waiting List those that want a service that they cannot get right now</p> <p>Parking lot? -The division will be looking into updating dates of need. Along with how to address funding offers that are declined.</p> <p>The division is working on a project to reach out to all individuals on the registry to offer Service Coordination. The intent is to reach out to individuals and work with them to assist in meeting their needs before they are in crisis situations.</p>	None at this time.
For Waiver, How do you manage your waitlist?	Work Group Members	<p>We will be defining this on the waiver as it works today</p> <p>We only have to describe "waitlist" to CMS, those who are actively waiting for something</p>	None at this time.
Next Steps.	Group Members	For the next meeting we will bring drafts of this information/ a working document.	DHHS to provide draft language for the waiver based on group discussion.